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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 28, 2003 (the "Office Action") for the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe no fee is due for this submission. However, if any additional fees are due, the Director is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 501191.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.